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| 1. STATE Maryland | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY |
| COUNTY Cecil | INVENTORY |

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COUNTY Cecil
TOWN Elk Mills   VICINITY
STREET NO.   Md. 277

ORIGINAL OWNER Daniel Lord
ORIGINAL USE textile mill
PRESENT OWNER Maj. Wm. Ray ~~Baldwin~~
PRESENT USE vacant
WALL CONSTRUCTION sandstone
NO. OF STORIES 4

2. NAME Elk Forge ~~Mill~~ *Textile Mill*

DATE OR PERIOD 1846
STYLE industrial
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION   OPEN TO PUBLIC   no

Elk Forge is the name of a series of mills which existed from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Flour is reputed to have been ground for the Revolutionary troops by the grist mill, of which only the foundation now remains. There was also a saw mill.

The present four story gambrel roof stone structure which was constructed close to the other mills was a textile mill and was built by Daniel Lord in 1846. Elk Forge Textile Mill was famous for Lord's diaper cloth and Turkey Red which was used for table cloths and napkins. (A turkey Red table cloth can be seen at the home of Major and Mrs. William Baldwin, the present owners of the mill. This cloth has been of some interest to the Smithsonian Institution which has done some research on the subject.) Operations continued under the ownership of Daniel Lord from 1846 to 1867 when it was purchased by his son-in-law, William Baldwin, from Litchfield, Connecticut. The Baldwin name had been associated with the textile industry in Connecticut. William Baldwin operated the mill successfully until his death in the 1890's, at which time it was taken over by his son, who rented it to the Baldwin Manufacturing Company, also a textile manufacturer. This arrangement lasted only a period of about ten years when the Baldwin Manufacturing Company moved into Elk

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE   Endangered   Interior   Exterior

Louise C. Baldwin

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH Color-3994-5

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD